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1. ACTIVITY WITH THE PN PARTY DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW HAS DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND HQS HAS BEEN KEPT FAIRLY WELL ADVISED THROUGH CABLES OF THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE BEEN IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH OUR PN SOURCES DURING THIS ELECTORAL PERIOD AND EXPECTATIONS THAT THE PN WILL IMPROVE ITS ELECTORAL BASE ARE HIGH.

2. [REDACTED] ESTIMATE THE PN HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF INCREASING ITS SENATORIAL REPRESENTATION FROM FIVE TO EIGHT OR NINE, OF PICKING UP AN ADDITIONAL FOUR TO SIX DEPUTIES, AND INCREASING ITS POPULAR VOTE NATIONALLY TO ABOUT 24 PERCENT. THIS WOULD BE AN INCREASE OF 60 PERCENT IN SENATORIAL REPRESENTATION, OF 15 PERCENT IN DEPUTY REPRESENTATION AND OF 26 PERCENT IN POPULAR VOTE OVER ITS EARLIER STANDING. WITH MINOR EXCEPTION, THE [REDACTED] LIST OF CRITICAL CANDIDATES AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE STILL OBTAINS. [REDACTED]

3. SENATORIAL RACES. THE LABBE CANDIDACY IN SANTIAGO IS GAINING MOMENTUM AFTER A VERY POOR START. LABBE IS NOW RUNNING HARD AND HAS A FAIR CHANCE OF GETTING THE FOURTH CODE SEAT IN [REDACTED]

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SANTIAGO. AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION HAS FINALLY BEEN BUILT UNDER HIM [REDACTED] AND SO FAR HE IS FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF HIS STAFF. ALL THOSE PN SUPPORTERS OR MEMBERS WHO RESENT JARPA FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER HAVE MOVED INTO THE LABBE CAMP. AS HIS EFFORTS PICK UP STEAM, HE CUTS INTO THE JARPA CONSTITUENCY AND THIS PRODUCES CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO.

[REDACTED] TO KEEP THE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO AT A RATIONAL LEVEL SO THEY FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON THE VOTERS. COHAGAVIA IN THE 10TH DISTRICT HAS RECEIVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND STANDS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED. PAST PN STATISTICAL FIGURES FOR THE ZONE NOTWITHSTANDING. JARPA AND DIEZ ARE RATED AS SURE WINNERS, PHILLIPS A PROBABLE WINNER AND HUERTA IS ALMOST SURE TO LOSE. THUS THE PN HAS A CHANCE OF INCREASING ITS SENATORIAL SEATS FROM FIVE TO NINE, [REDACTED]

4. AMONG THE DEPUTY RACES THE SANTIAGO FIRST DISTRICT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES RUNNING. OF THE 18 ON THE CODE SLATE, THE PN IS RUNNING SIX AND EXPECTS FIVE TO WIN. STYLES AND APPEALS OF THE SIX DIFFER. THE WEAKEST PN CANDIDATES IN DESCENDING ORDER (STRONG TO WEAK) ARE PINTO, PEREZ, MONCKEBERG AND ARNELLO. PINTO ENTERED THE CAMPAIGN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PARTY THAT SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO RELY PRIMARILY ON PUBLICITY AND HER PERSONAL INFLUENCE AMONG WOMEN BUT WOULD NOT RUN A REGULAR CAMPAIGN IN OTHER ASPECTS. PEREZ AND MONCKEBERG ARE BOTH WORKING HARD IN THEIR CAMPAIGNS, THE DIFFERENCE BEING THAT PEREZ NEEDS MONEY WHILE MONCKEBERG DOES NOT. ARNELLO IS BY PERSONALITY A DISORGANIZED PERSON BUT A NEW TEAM HAS JUST BEEN BUILT AROUND HIM AND WE HAVE HOPES THAT HE CAN NOW GET MOVING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN SANTIAGO'S SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICTS, VASQUEZ IS CONSIDERED A WINNER IN THE SECOND, ALESSANDRI IN THE THIRD AND BULNES IN THE FOURTH. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT AND THE FUTURE IMPORTANCE OF ALESSANDRI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. VALPARAISO. ACCORDING TO PEDRO IBANEZ, SENATOR FROM VALPARAISO, [REDACTED], THE PN HAS BASIC VOTING STRENGTHS# 8, THE PROVINCE TO WIN THREE SEATS BUT IS RUNNING FOUR CANDIDATES. LORCA CONTROLS THE PARTY MACHINE AND WILL LEAD THE PARTY THERE WITH SCARELLA ALSO ASSURED OF A SEAT. WITH LORCA'S SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT CONCURRENCE, THE PARTY ARRANGED FOR YUSSUF, LORCA'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, TO RUN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IBANEZ NOW BELIEVES THAT YUSSUF IS "ALMOST ASSURED" A SEAT. THE WEAKEST PN CANDIDATE IS ORTUZAR, REGIDOR FOR QUILLOTA, WHO IS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN IN THE CITIES OF VALPARAISO AND VINA DEL MAR. THE FOUR PN CANDIDATES HAVE DIVIDED UP THE PROVINCE AMONG THEMSELVES SO AS NOT TO FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER TOO MUCH YET LEAVING EACH ENOUGH OF THE ELECTORATE TO WIN A SEAT IF EACH RUNS A STRONG CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED]
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6. CONCEPCION. PN REPORTING LUGO KING NOW HAS MORE ELECTORAL POTENTIAL THAN VON RYSELBERGHE. HOWEVER, THE EFFECT OF LATTER'S CAMPAIGN AMONG POBLADORES CANNOT YET BE MEASURED. VAN RYSELBERGHE HAS LITTLE EDUCATION BUT IS A CLEVER BUSINESSMAN, HAS SUCCEEDED FINANCIALLY, AND OWNS A LARGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

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COMPANY. HE HAS USED HIS ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT IN THE POBLACIONES TO HELP POBLADORES IN ORDER TO GARNER VOTES. HENCE BOTH CANDIDATES REPRESENT NEW ELEMENTS FOR THE PN IN THIS PROVINCE, AND BOTH SEEM ABLE TO BRING IN NEW VOTERS FROM DIFFERENT CAMPS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE CS LIKELY TO WIN.

7. IN SUM, IN THE THREE MOST POPULOUS PROVINCES, WITH OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ELECTORATE, THE PN ESTIMATES IT CAN ELECT ONLY ABOUT 12 OR 13 OF THE 54 DEPUTIES, OR ABOUT 22 PERCENT OF THE SEATS BEING CONTESTED.

8. THE DEPUTY RACES IN THE REMAINING AGRICULTURAL PROVINCES HOLD FEW SURPRISES FOR THE PN SO FAR. IN THESE AREAS THE PN EXPECTS TO WIN AT LEAST 22 SEATS AND IS MAKING SPECIAL EFFORTS IN THE HOPE OF INCREASING THAT TOTAL TO 25 OR 26. THE SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PROVINCES:

A. O'HIGGINS - TO ELECT BOTH MEKIS AND ECHENIQUE RATHER THAN ONE OF THEM:

B. COLCHAGUA - TO ELECT BOTH MATORANA AND ZABAZURIZ RATHER THAN JUST MATORANA

C. CAUTIN - TO ELECT ALL 4 CANDIDATES. THE PN EXPECTS THREE CANDIDATES TO WIN (MIMBERG, CARMINE AND PROBABLY SCHLEYER) BUT ALSO WANTS EGUIGUREN TO WIN.

D. AISEN - TO ELECT ORTIZ.

E. VALDIVIA - TO ELECT BOTH ACUNA AND LARRE, RATHER THAN ONE OF THEM.

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[REDACTED] MIGHT RESULT ONLY IN THE REPLACEMENT OF OTHER CODE CANDIDATES BY PN CANDIDATES RATHER THAN DISPLACING U.P. CANDIDATES (OR IN THE DEFEAT OF 2 PN; 4 AND THE SUCCESS OF 2 OTHER CODE CANDIDATES), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IF SUCCESSFUL, THE

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11. THERE ARE OTHER CASES WHERE THE PN SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE IN ELECTING THEIR PEOPLE BUT DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN. IN CURICO THE GREMIALISTAS ARE NOT SUPPORTING RAMIREZ AS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (IN THE SELECTION PROCESS THE PARTY NAMED RAMIREZ SO THE GREMIALISTAS REFUSE TO HELP HIM. SENATORIAL CANDIDATE SERGIO DIEZ SIZED THIS SITUATION UP QUICKLY AND ASKED GREMIALISTAS TO SUPPORT HIM (DIEZ), IGNORING THEIR PROBLEM WITH RAMIREZ. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN MANY ZONES WHERE MORE THAN ONE PN CANDIDATE IS RUNNING, FIGHTS BETWEEN THEM HAVE CONSUMED A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR ENERGIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SENATORIAL CANDIDATES PHILLIPS AND HUERTA ARE CONSTANTLY SNIPING AT EACH OTHER AND TRYING TO BUY EACH OTHER'S OPINION LEADERS IN THE ZONE. THIS IS NOT ONLY ELECTORALLY DEBILITATING FOR BOTH BUT ALSO AFFECTS THE DEPUTIES IN THE AREA, AS DEPUTIES ARE FORCED TO CHOOSE SIDES AND CAMPAIGN WITH THE SENATORIAL CANDIDATES. THESE INTERNAL FIGHTS ARE ALSO INFLUENCED BY PRESSURES FROM THE PARTY COMMAND. IN THE EXAMPLE CITED ABOVE, IN MALLECO THE PN CANDIDATE WHO HAS MOST POTENTIAL FOR BRINGING IN NEW VOTERS IS DIB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ALSO SUPPORTS PHILLIPS AND VICE VERSA, WHEREAS DEPUTY CANDIDATE BAYO SUPPORTS HUERTA AND REPRESENTS THE TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE PARTY, ALONG WITH DEPUTY CANDIDATE DE LA FUENTE WHO HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN THE PROVINCE. TO ENSURE THE ELECTION OF TWO PN DEPUTIES IN MALLECO, THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT INDUCING EITHER DIB OR BAYO TO WITHDRAW. [REDACTED]

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IN THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE MARCH ELECTIONS. WE ASSUME THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM OF SOME KIND TO FUND ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE OPPOSITION, PARTLY BECAUSE IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND INFLUENCE WITH THE PARTIES IN THE PST-ELECTORAL PERIOD. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK WE BELIEVE FUNDS FOR THE PN SHOULD BE USED PRIMARILY FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MODERNIZATION OF THE PARTY

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